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Imagine if Christians actually had to live according to their Bibles.

> "If they start canceling these American presidents, they're gonna come after Bible characters next. Mark my words" -- Fox News "news side" host Bill Hemmer pic.twitter.com/qTPV0NERv8
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> — Aaron Rupar (@atrupar) February 19, 2021

Imagine if Christians actually sacrificed themselves for the good of those they considered their enemies, with no thought of any recompense or reward, but only to honor the essential humanity of all people.

Imagine if Christians sold all their possessions and gave it to the poor.

Imagine if they relentlessly stood up for the widow, the orphan, and the foreigner.

Imagine if they worshipped a God whose response to political power was to reject it.

Or cancelled all debt owed them?

Imagine if the primary orientation of Christians was what others needed, not what they deserved.

Imagine Christians with no interest in protecting what they had.

Imagine Christians who made room for other beliefs, and honored the truths they found there.

Imagine Christians who saved their forgiveness and mercy for others, rather than saving it for themselves.

Whose empathy went first to the abused, not the abuser.

Who didn't see tax as theft; who didn't need to control distribution of public good to the deserving.

Imagine Christians who never condemned another soul to hell.

Imagine Christians who didn't worry about money at all.

Imagine Christians who saw wealth as a barrier to heaven, not a proof of their election to it.

Imagine Christians who saved their anger for injustice.

Imagine if telling the truth about our nation's ugly past of owning human beings for profit didn't seem to strangely threaten the reality of Christians today.

Imagine Christians who believed that the lesson of their book was to identify with enslaved people, not their enslavers.

Imagine if Evangelical conservative Christians actually read the book they claim to defend so fiercely.

Imagine them finally seeing that the Bible is actually filled with words of condemnation, but only for exactly the people they most resemble.

I imagine they'd feel cancelled.



But today I'll imagine what the country would look like if these "Christians" weren't terrified by confession, repentance, and reparation, and actually believed they were called, not to violence on their own behalf, but to sacrifice grounded in a love for all people.

Imagine it.

That book talks about what happens when people God asks to do this work don't do it.

Other people do it instead.

I'm not asking anybody to become Christians. But we can be the people Christians were supposed to be.

Seems to me the sort of thing that could change the world.